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**REPLY/AMENDMENT
FEE TRANSMITTAL**

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| REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL | Attorney Docket No. | 826.1677 | |
| | Application Number | 09/788,491 | |
| | Filing Date | February 21, 2001 | |
| | First Named Inventor | Yumiko NAKANO | |
| | Group Art Unit | 2165 | |
| AMOUNT ENCLOSED | 0.00 | Examiner Name | N. Abel Jalil |

FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 12/08/04)

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Previously Paid For | Number Extra | Rate | Calculations |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | 10 | - 23 = | 0 | X \$ 50.00 = | \$ 0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 8 | - 13 = | 0 | X \$ 200.00 = | 0.00 |
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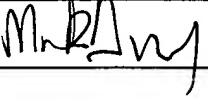
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For: **INFORMATION SEARCHING APPARATUS AND METHOD**

RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116
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Sir:

This is responsive to the final Office Action mailed November 16, 2004, having a shortened period for response set to expire on February 16, 2005.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.